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“The Letters Jesus Sent” (7)

*“His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’”
(John 2:17)*

Jesus – The Only Certainty

Revelation 3:14 – (14) “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.’”

Tepid Turnoff

Revelation 3:15-16 – (15) “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! (16) So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.”

The Stupid Certainty of Pride

Revelation 3:17 – (17) “For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.”

Christ’s Counsel & Correction

Revelation 3:18-19 – (18) “I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. (19) Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.”

Key Point: Be Zealous towards the Lord & His Kingdom

Restoration of Relationship

Revelation 3:20 – (20) Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

Co-regents with Christ

Revelation 3:21-22 – (21) “The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.
(22) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Moving to the higher gear:

“He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.” (Isaiah 59:17)

“Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.”
(Romans 12:11)

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” (Colossians 3:23-24)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Does God get neglected while I zealously pursuing my own interests?
(Haggai 1:2-9)

Does God and His kingdom excite me? (Matt. 6:21; Ps. 4:6-7, 17:14-15)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)